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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT : Senior Staff Meeting Agenda

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It is suggested that "Cable Traffic" be put on the Senior Staff Meeting Agenda as a subject for discussion by the Director. Cable traffic for April reached an all time high with a total of [REDACTED]. It is believed that positive steps are necessary to reduce our cable traffic. One possibility that has been suggested is to designate someone in each organizational component releasing cables to review all outgoing and incoming cables at the end of each day to determine those that could have been handled by dispatch. Through the use of specific examples, appropriate measures could then be instituted by the head of the component concerned to reduce the amount of cable traffic.

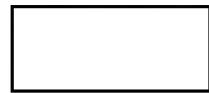
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1. REPORT ON [REDACTED]

Mr. C. Tracy Barnes gave a report on Station activities in [REDACTED]

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2. DCI CONGRESSIONAL MEETING.

Mr. Dulles said that he had met recently with Senators Russell, Byrd and Saltonstall. Items discussed were the new headquarters building and Agency personnel. These senators appear to understand that the money appropriated for the construction of the building is not sufficient to house all headquarters Agency personnel; however, the temper of Congress at this time is against providing more funds for this purpose. Other agencies are facing the same problem and, if the other agencies request additional funds, these senators will be inclined to permit CIA to go in with them.

The old question of the number of personnel in headquarters again was raised in this meeting. After explanation by Mr. Dulles, Senator Russell seemed to be in sympathy with the Agency position and asked that he be given a functional analysis of where our personnel in headquarters are assigned, what they are doing, and why we need the number we have for each function. Again, there was no question on the number of people assigned abroad or outside the Washington area. Mr. Dulles also indicated that the Agency budget was going to receive closer Congressional scrutiny this year than ever before.

3. PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF CONSULTANTS.

Mr. Dulles announced that the Killian Committee has made its first report to the President on foreign intelligence activities. The report contains ten recommendations, none of which are cause for concern on our part. The report is generally sympathetic with the Agency and we can realize benefit from it. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been given the job within the Agency to coordinate our implementation of approved recommendations.

4. WAR PLANNING CONFERENCE.

25X1 [REDACTED] gave a brief report on the two-weeks conference of Agency war planners which took place during the past two weeks. This conference was attended by representatives from Europe and the Far East and by representatives of DDI and DDS. For the first time, the conference included full integration of support personnel and support problems. Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that morale seemed to be exceptionally good among those engaged in war planning activities.

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5. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Baird summarized significant aspects of the recently approved language development program. Action papers putting the program into effect are now with the Regulations Control Staff for publication. Mr. Baird indicated that proficiency tests for the 40 languages now included in the program will be available approximately 4 February 1958.

Mr. Dulles indicated his desire to include a further discussion of the language development program on the agenda for the March meeting of the senior staff.

6. COMMENDATION.

General Cabell read a letter that had been received by the Director from fellow students of an Agency employee who recently completed the course at the Armed Forces Staff College. The employee concerned was [redacted] currently assigned to the Office of Personnel.

General Cabell said that the Agency benefited greatly from such performance on the part of our employees at these high level schools and that this further emphasizes the importance of selecting our best people for these schools. He said also that [redacted] should be congratulated for his performance.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 hours, 11 February 1957.